Astronaut scheduled to speak at graduation

LAUREN DUNCAN  
Daily Egyptian

The final words of wisdom graduating students will hear at SIUC will come from someone who has a few accomplishments of their own.

Mark Kelly has been to space, beat cancer and his wife survived an attempted assassination. He’ll be speaking at this year’s May commencements.

While graduation ceremonies will differ this year due to consolidation, Chancellor Rita Cheng said having Kelly speak at the ceremonies is a positive for the change.

Kelly is a retired U.S. Navy Captain and an experienced naval aviator, according to the university commencement website. He is married to former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who is recovering from an attempted assassination in January 2011. The two wrote and released a memoir about the experience later that year titled “Gabby.”

Kelly is also a prostate cancer survivor.

Cheng said Kelly was recommended to speak at the commencement by members of a committee she created this year to reevaluate the ceremonies. In January, Cheng announced the several graduation commencement at different colleges will be condensed into three main ceremonies at the SIU Arena on Sat., May 12.

When the committee looked at several speaker candidates, she said:

“Just kind of came to the top right away,” Cheng said.

Cheng said Kelly’s talk might be particularly appealing to some students because of his experiences. For instance, she said people involved with the rehabilitation institution may look forward to Kelly’s talk since he is a cancer survivor. His experience with aviation, she said, may be intriguing to flight students.

“People (in our aviation program) are so excited because he is a four-time astronaut, and he has been a commander of one of the flights,” she said.

Hal Hayes, an aviation instructor, echoed that sentiment. He said he finds it exciting that Kelly will speak at the ceremonies.

“It’s to show people that they can achieve whatever they put their mind to,” he said.

Kelly’s relation to specific interests isn’t the only reason he was chosen, Cheng said. She said the theme of his talk, “Endeavor to Success,” connects with the new marketing strategy the university paid Chicago firm Carboll-Hean to create last fall.

“It really connects with the work that we’ve been doing about achieving and knowing no bounds and endless possibilities, and that’s really what I want our students to remember from their commencement,” she said.

Although Kelly’s booking has excited some, others said they are not looking forward to the speech because they are still displaced with the ceremonies’ consolidation.

Keith Haseman, a senior from Crystal Lake studying forestry, said he would prefer a less distinguished speaker over a larger ceremony.

“I think the speaker is less important,” he said. “I am more disappointed that the graduations are not all at individual colleges.”

Similarly, Renee Middlebrooks, a junior from Chicago studying healthcare management, said she’d prefer a less distinguished speaker if the ceremonies were not consolidated this year.

But still, she said, “I’m currently looking at people who might be available and that we could relate to would be good,” she said.

One reason Cheng cited for the ceremonies’ changes earlier this semester was to celebrate the university’s pride with major events. A distinguished speaker is something students, faculty and guests remember, she said.

“I’m really very excited, and I want people to be talking about SIU in the same circles they talk about (the University of Illinois) and they’re talking about Virginia Tech,” she said.

“It just elevates us in the eyes of those (who) need to be thinking about college, that great things happen here every single day.”

Erin McCoy, a junior from Marion studying animal science, may not be a graduating this year, but she said she appreciates the university’s strive for a distinguished speaker.

“I would like a good speaker,” she said. “Someone like (Kelly) would be good. It makes it more memorable.”

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Environmentalists lobby against budget cuts, fees in Springfield

SHARON WITKE  
Daily Egyptian

Environmental advocates asked legislators to pass legislation regulating hydraulic fracturing Thursday in Springfield at the annual Environmental Issues Lobby Day.

Terri Tracy, conservation field representative for the Illinois Chapter Sierra Club, an environmental advocacy organization founded in 1892, said the need for sustainability of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was also discussed.

Tracey said her organization also opposes the Timaska bill, which would authorize the construction of a $3.5 billion coal gasification plant in Taylorville.

Tracey said the lobby day has been an annual event since 2004. Representative Frank Mautino is promoting legislation that would allow the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to generate income by charging entry fees at state parks and still receive funding appropriated by the General Assembly, and the Sierra Club supports the initiative, she said.

Tracey said Illinois is one of fewer than a dozen states that do not charge state park entry fees. Decreased funding from the state’s general revenue fund will cause a decline in the amount and type of services at state parks and natural areas, said Travis Loyd, deputy director for the INDR.

He said without additional money generated by fees, the department will not be able to hire temporary groundkeepers who mow and keep trails cleared during the summer.

Tourists Sharon and Michael Seymour, of Crown Point, Ind., said they are concerned about reduced funding for Illinois state parks.

The two said they go to LaRue Pine Hills, a natural area in Union County, whenever they get the chance.

“We would be very upset if the parks weren’t maintained,” Sharon Seymour said.

The lack of state regulations that govern hydraulic fracturing operations also concerns her group, Tracy said.

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Fees rise, enrollment falls for College of Business

BEN CONRADY  
Daily Egyptian

A recent drop in enrollment at the College of Business may be linked to increases in tuition and fees rates for incoming students.

Students enrolled at the college must pay a fee for each credit hour they take. Student rates are locked in for four years after they enroll.

This year, the rate was increased by $2.50 per credit hour from $36.45 to $38.95, according to the 2011-2012 undergraduate tuition and fee schedule.

When converted into a 15-hour schedule, it is an increase of $37.50 per semester. The increase may be one factor potential students consider when deciding on a school to attend.

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This year, undergraduate enrollment in the College of Business has decreased by 54 students, from 1,257 in 2010 to 1,203 during the fall 2011 semester according to the institutional research and studies. In comparison, total undergraduate enrollment at SIU has decreased to 15,000 this fall from 15,137 in 2010, a 137-student drop.

Nick Scardina, a junior from Geneva studying accounting, said he chose SIUC because its high- 

rated business school gives him a better chance in the job market after graduation. Scardina came to SIUC in the fall of 2010, before the rate increase took place.

"I really want to work for a big accounting firm and if I can get there, it's the only place that they really recruit," he said. "Price was a factor for me, so the increase would be something I would have looked into."  

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the enrollment decline is not related to a fee increase, but rather a reaction to the downturn in the economy. Cheng said the addition of a recruiter to the staff at the College of Business has led to an increase in the quality and academic preparedness of applicants.

The College of Business will offer new online classes this summer, which will include 14 required core classes. Meredith Thomas, chief marketing officer for the college, said this is not in response to the drop in enrollment, but rather to provide flexibility to students who are enrolled in the program.

"We are making classes more accessible for students that are home for the summer or not in town," Thomas said. "We are helping students get ahead or stay on track so that they can stay on course from anywhere."

The online courses will be offered to on-campus students and those students who attend other schools as well, Thomas said. The classes offered are part of the business core curriculum, which is standard in most business programs, she said.

The offering of new online classes shows one way the College of Business is focusing on availability to students.

"The online programs have shown significant growth in both the graduate MBA and (undergraduate) business degrees," Cheng said. "For example, the online UG business enrollment has increased three-fold in three years and is expected to grow even more next fall."

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Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business, was unable to be reached for comment.

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“He works just as hard as any of the other guys on the golf team, if not harder,” Miller said. “He works as a leader too. He organizes the team, sends out all of the text messages and is our team captain.”

Miller said Erickson is a calm and collective player, even when he knows he didn’t perform to the best of his ability. Miller said every player encourages one another to perform at their highest level during competition, but Erickson is the one who can be counted on to support the team on all levels.

“We are all very talented on our team, but Jake’s got the mental part of the game figured out a little bit better than everybody else right now,” Miller said. “As long as (Erickson) continues to do that and everybody else strives to get to his, then we should be even better as a team.”

Head coach Leroy Newton said Erickson has improved his game in both practice and during matches. He said Erickson has the determination to work harder each day, which can be seen when Erickson competes.

“Jake is very outgoing, as well as all of the other kids on the team,” Newton said. “The kids try different things and suggest different things to each other, and Jake is one to do just that.”

Newton said he believes Erickson will continue to combat his weaknesses and become a better player because he acknowledges his own strength.

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Sophomore infielder Jayna Spivey attempts to field a ground ball during Saturday’s game against Creighton University at the Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis will host Illinois State University Saturday and Sunday.

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Lester Avila, 12, of Carbondale, has his beard touched up Wednesday during practice for the school’s third annual play at the Dayemi Homeschool Collective. The school’s performance, “Layla and Majun,” begins at 7 p.m. today and the final performance will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Dayemi Homeschool Collective. Proceeds from ticket sales will go into a scholarship fund that helps families send their children to the Dayemi Homeschool Collective, said Anita Brown, director of the play and a teacher at the Collective.

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**Players react to Hinson's hire**

**JOE RAGUSA**
**Daily Egyptian**

Although waiting for a new coach to be hired was a challenge, freshman forward Treg Setty said he played basketball my whole life. “I’ve never had a coach,” Setty said. “This was the first time I just didn’t have anyone to answer to.”

The players were informed Barry Hinson would be the new Saluki men’s basketball coach in a meeting Wednesday shortly before the 3:30 p.m. press conference, and their reaction was overwhelmingly positive. “Coming from what we had to (Hinson), it’s something new and everybody likes it,” said freshman forward Daniel Daniels. “I’m excited about it, and I hope everyone else is, too.”

Daniels said there were immediate differences between Hinson and former coach Chris Lowery, who was hired March 2.

“(Hinson) is a great communicator, and I think coach Lowery, he lacked some areas in that,” Daniels said. “You can read (Hinson) just how he is. If he’s angry, you’re going to know he’s angry ... Sometimes with coach Lowery, you didn’t know if he was happy, sad or anything.”

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said Hinson’s strength in communication was one of the top reasons why the athletic department hired him, along with his ability to connect with the community, his track record of winning on the court and his focus on academics.

Hinson said he even reached out to former players Mamadou Seck and Justin Boott to make sure they were still focused on leaving SIU with a degree. Seck said he liked Hinson, who has a strong background in the Missouri Valley Conference after coaching at Missouri State from 1999 to 2008.

Freshman forward Harry Whitt said Hinson plans to push them in the weight room as well as the classroom. “He said he wanted us to be so sore that we can’t lift our hand to shake somebody’s hand,” Whitt said. “I think he’s exactly what we need.”

Hinson said he plans to run the same kind of offensive sets that Kansas runs, which Whitt said might take a little while to get used to. “We’ll have plenty of time to adjust to him, and not too many kids have been in (Lowery’s) system for too long,” Whitt said. “I think it’s going to be hard for the first month, but we’ll see. I think he’ll get us straight, but I’m pretty sure we’re going to be running a lot.”

After Lowery was let go March 2, several players said they wanted to wait and see who the new coach was before they made a decision about staying with the program.

“There may be a few people (who) leave, but that’s just what happens,” Setty said. “I promise that the corps, the whole team isn’t going to be here. We came here for a reason, and we’re not going to leave for something small.”

Setty said he had to sit down with his family before deciding on his future, but he’ll definitely be back with the Salukis next season. “The only player who said anything to the contrary was Daniels, but he said his comeback was probable.”

Another Saluki who might return is Tony Young, former Saluki guard and current director of basketball operation at Saint Louis. Hinson said he hadn’t put any thought into how his coaching staff would look, but he said Young contacted him Tuesday through email. “(Young) said ‘I don’t know, if you remember me,’ and I said ‘Yeah, you were a pain in my butt,’” Hinson said.

Young played against Hinson’s Missouri State teams with SIU from 2003 to 2007.

“Everytime we played Missouri State, I knew it was going to be a battle,” Young said. “You can’t just go out there and, ‘Hey, this is it, going to be a fight.’”

Young said, “Matter of fact, there were a couple fights that I can remember. But coach Hinson’s an amazing coach.”

Saint Louis coach Rick Majerus said during an appearance on a St. Louis radio show that Young would make a great coach at SIU, but Young said it was just jokes and speculation between him and Majerus.

“I’m an St. Louis right now, but everybody knows how I feel about (SIU),” Young said. “If I did have an opportunity (to be an assistant for Hinson), it’d be great. I’d love it ... I would love to be here.”

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**Golfer captures consecutive wins, earns MVC honors**

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Senior golfer Margaret Gilley smiles after completing a hole Monday during the Saluki Invitational at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. Gilley tied with two teammates for fifth place with a two-round total of 154. So far this season Gilley has claimed two individual tournament titles and has been selected as the Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week twice.

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As spring storm clouds encircled the Hickory Ridge Golf Course, Meg Gilley stood on the practice green calmly sinking putt after putt as she closed up an evening of practice that started nearly four hours earlier.

The SIU women’s golf team ran away with their fourth win of the 2011-12 season Sunday and Monday at the Saluki Invitational. Gilley, a senior studying sports management from Flossmoor, came from fourth for the Salukis this year by winning two individual meets and being named Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week twice during her senior season.

With a roster full of talent from players such as current MVC Golfer of the Week sophomore Cassie Rushing, and senior leadership like Gilley’s, the women’s golf team has racked up some impressive wins this year under it’s new coaching staff.

Though this is coach Alexis Mihelich’s first year at the forefront of the women’s golf team, a sense of chemistry is visible between Mihelich and her golfers, said Gilley and her cousin Ryann Gilley, a freshman from Flossmoor studying pre-teach.

“What’s unique about Meg and Ryann is that I knew them four or five years ago before I started here,” Mihelich said. “When I was a teaching pro, I got to know the golf coach. I worked at a golf academy. I first met Meg and Ryann when they came to the clinics we hosted for high school golfers.”

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**GIlley turns it up a notch for her final season**

**Junior Jake Erickson gathers golf balls Wednesday during practice on the putting green at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. Erickson received MVC Golfer of the Week on March 22 and is the second golfer in SIU history to win two consecutive tournaments in the same year.**

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Foot surgery may have caused junior golfer Jake Erickson to sit out of golf for 10 weeks, but the time off hasn’t seemed to affect his ability to win as a member of the SIU men’s golf team.

“At the beginning, I was a little rusty, but then I started playing really well. It was pretty exciting,” Erickson said.

Erickson broke his right foot while playing basketball at the Recreation Center during winter break. He was released by his doctor Feb. 14 to play and returned to the team with an elevated performance on the golf course. He was recognized March 20 as the second Saluki in SIU history, behind alumnus Brian Norman, to win two consecutive golf tournaments in the same year and received Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week honors.

Erickson said all the recognition he has received couldn’t have been possible without the Saluki Athletics training staff, especially Assistant Athletic Trainer Kristin Trotter and his teammates overall support.

“I wanted to thank the whole training staff for rehabbing me and getting me back in time,” Erickson said. “I wouldn’t be able to play if it wasn’t for them. I probably wouldn’t’ve missed the first two tournaments.”

Even when Erickson doubted his ability to play during the 2012 season, his teammates said they relied on Erickson’s positive attitude and leadership skills as captain.

Junior golfer Jeffrey Miller said Erickson deserves every honor he has received because of this strong display of team leadership and overall commitment.

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